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In re patent application of

Applicant: Jeffrey B. Williams, et al

Serial No.: 09/935,958

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For: LIGHT DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF

Art Unit: 2875

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Filing Date: 7/22/98, issued February 6, 2001

Serial No.: 08/886,666
Filing Date: July 2, 1997

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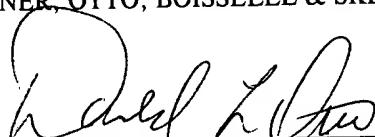
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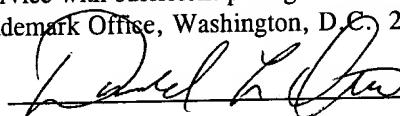
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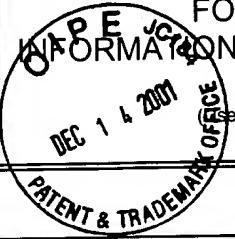
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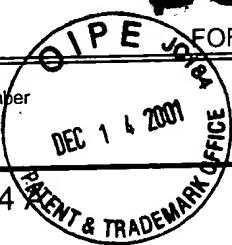
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